



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
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San Francisco, CA 94105

April 21, 1992

Mr. Robert Ivey
Contracting Officer
US Department of Energy
P.O. Box 2567
Grand Junction, CO 81502

RE: Response Action concerning DOE Mining Lease AT905-1)-ML-60.8-NM-B-1, Bluewater Uranium Site.

Dear Mr. Ivey:

As you are aware, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is concerned about the environmental hazards associated with the improper closure of the Department of Energy's lease at the Bluewater Uranium Mine Site outside of Prewitt, New Mexico. EPA understands that the Department of Energy is presently working on resolving several legal issues concerning the affected mine lease. EPA is hopeful that these legal issues can be resolved as soon as possible in order to facilitate the primary objective of restoring the environment. The Department of Energy should make every effort in expediting a resolution.

EPA is willing to assist the Department of Energy in conducting the required reclamation by: 1) assisting in the contracting of a qualified reclamation contractor; 2) providing field oversight of the contractor; and 3) by providing technical assistance and quality assurance that all appropriate reclamation standards are achieved. A formal IAG or a simple Letter of Intent followed by a SF 1068 would formalize this Intergovernmental relationship.

EPA looks forward to working with the Department of Energy in restoring this parcel of land and ensuring the protection of public health and the environment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 415-744-2298.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Robert Bornstein", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert Bornstein
Federal On-Scene-Coordinator

cc: Joanne Manygoats, Navajo Superfund
Linda Wandres, ORC
Jerri Simmons, Contracting Officer